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SUBJECT: Visit with General Heusinger

1. Prior to my departure from Germany, General Heusinger expressed a desire to meet again in the United States. We had become quite friendly, partly because of occasional professional contacts, and also because of the close personal friendship between my wife and Frau Heusinger. In fact, Mrs. Stimpson received a letter from Frau Heusinger announcing the expected arrival date of the General.

2. On Sunday afternoon, 12 July 1953, the General, [] and I visited for about an hour with [] at his residence. General Heusinger knew that [] was Chief of our Communications Office. Conversation dealt mainly with non-professional subjects such as General Heusinger's impressions during his tour of the country. He did express a few views regarding the German picture, stating for example, that in his opinion the recent uprisings in East Germany were self generated, or more specifically that Gehlen and his group could not take any credit. On another subject he expressed his view that Gehlen would lose many top officers to the German Army, if and when it becomes reality. He said he had told Gehlen that he should be laying plans to compensate for this loss.

3. After leaving General McClelland, we drove to my home in Silver Spring for dinner. Conversation was confined to non-professional subjects. General Heusinger told about plans for his daughter, Ruth, who will come to the United States next year, probably Washington, for continuation of her college. As told by the General, her primary objective will be to learn about the United States. We offered to help Ruth, if and when she does come to Washington.

4. One item of possible interest for the record concerns Colonel Hepp (my old opposite at POB) and General Praun. I asked General Heusinger what Colonel Hepp planned to do in the future. He answered that altho he had offered Colonel Hepp the job as Signal Officer for the German Army, that Colonel Hepp had about decided to remain with Gehlen. I asked where General Praun would be used. General Heusinger then described his last visit with General Praun saying that in his opinion that General Praun showed evidence of being quite nervous, that it was quite apparent that his health was not too good.

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